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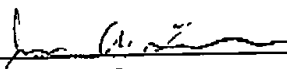
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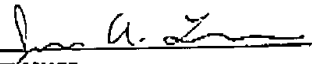
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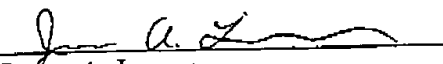
Dear Sir:

Applicant proposes to amend the drawings by amending Figures 1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 16 as indicated on the attached copies. Formal drawings incorporating the proposed changes will be submitted in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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